FSU PANAMA CITY
FALL 2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT
CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF FALL 2020
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 2020
History of Florida State University Panama City

In the early 1970s, Naval Coastal Systems Center, Gulf Coast Community College, Bay County School Board and Tyndall Air Force Base began lobbying for an institution of higher learning. In 1972, the Florida Board of Regents (BOR) directed the University of West Florida to establish a center in Panama City. Classes began that summer with an enrollment of 65 elementary education students and a staff of two. Facilities for the center were in the Bay County School Board Office Building and Gulf Coast Community College.

In 1976, the Bay County Commission purchased 17.5 acres between Gulf Coast Community College and the waters of North Bay for use by the center. In 1981, the commission donated an additional 2.54 acres and three quadriplex buildings. When Florida State University accepted responsibility for the Panama City campus in fall 1982, two vans transported faculty from Tallahassee daily.

On June 23, 1983, ground breaking occurred for the $9.1 million Phase I development of Florida State University Panama City. The new facilities were dedicated March 22, 1986. The administrative building was named in honor of Sen. Dempsey J. Barron, who sponsored the bill that secured funds for the permanent location of a Florida State University facility in Panama City. The new campus facilities opened for students in January 1987. In March 1987, an additional 5.62 acres along the bay were deeded to the State for use by the campus.


Since 2000, FSU Panama City has grown to offer more than 30 degree programs. The Bland Conference Center was complete in January 2000 and named after the first campus dean, Dr. Larson M. Bland. In 2004, 2005 and 2006, the Florida Legislature approved construction funding for two new facilities: a $7.9 million Administrative Services Center and a $32 million Academic Center. The 14,000-square-foot Administrative Services Center, completed in March 2007, houses the police department, postal services center, maintenance department and receiving area as well as the central utility plant for the campus.

The Academic Center was named the Alfred P. and Mamie V. Holley Academic Center on Jan. 21, 2009, in recognition of Russell C. Holley's naming gift in honor and memory of his parents. The more than 100,000-square-foot facility provides classrooms, seminar rooms, study and meeting rooms, a library and learning center, a multi-purpose lecture hall/community room and academic laboratories.

On June 8, 2012, The Florida State University's Board of Trustees approved a four-year academic plan for FSU Panama City that allowed the campus to offer a limited range of general-education and lower-level courses. This historic decision allowed for the admission of the first freshman class in fall 2013.
Hymn to the Garnet & Gold

Here’s a hymn for the Garnet and the Gold
Ringing to the sky;

Here’s a song for our men and women bold,
Sing with head held high.

Striving e’re to seek to know,
Fight for victory

Alma Mater, this our song to you,
echoes “FSU.”
The order in which the academic degrees are conferred has been established by tradition. Beginning with the newest school or college in the University, the degrees are conferred in succession, proceeding toward the oldest school or college. Therefore, at Florida State University the College of Applied Studies is first and the College of Arts and Sciences is last in the conferral of academic degrees.

Order of the Conferral of Degrees

College of Applied Studies
College of Medicine
College of Motion Picture Arts
FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
College of Fine Arts
College of Communication and Information
College of Social Sciences and Public Policy
College of Law
College of Nursing
College of Business
College of Criminology and Criminal Justice
College of Social Work
College of Music
College of Human Sciences
College of Education
College of Arts and Sciences
Candidates for Bachelor’s Degrees

COLLEGE OF APPLIED STUDIES

Bachelor of Science in
Crime Scene Investigation

Christie Michelle Bennett-Bowden, Cum Laude
Chandra A Cooper, Cum Laude
Keyanna Aaliyah Walkins

Bachelor of Science in
Law Enforcement Intelligence

Katerine Alvarez - Tobon, Cum Laude
Nicole Barwick
Amy Forza, Magna Cum Laude
Savannah Rae Lang
James Austin Lipham
Rachel Loeffelholz, Cum Laude
Lisa Dawn Schultz, Magna Cum Laude
Angelina Simmons, Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in
Law Enforcement Operations

Nicholas Quinn Dean
Kenia Erlinda Martir
Charles Thomas Woodruff

Bachelor of Science in
Professional Communication

Jared Robert Anderson
Kaitlyn Amorie Foster, Cum Laude
Sydney Noelle Frascona
Jenny Lynn Hiscox
Shannon Renee Knight, Magna Cum Laude
Isabella Taylor Scott, Cum Laude
Emma Civita Sipperly
Kaitlyn Madison Weatherly, Magna Cum Laude
Kellie Anne Wendel

Bachelor of Science in
Recreation, Tourism and Events

Delaney Lyn Anglin, Cum Laude
Kristen Rebecca Barrentine
Mia Esperanza Bennett
Alyssa Booher, Cum Laude
Kyle Thomas Brasher
Johnathan Edward Micklos
Zekia Santiago**
Trace Steven Ward

** FSU Tallahassee graduate
FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Kyle Levi Greer
Samuel Thomas Lamb

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Mark T Hartzog, Summa Cum Laude
Peter Oakes, Cum Laude
Tristan Chase Pavlick, Cum Laude
Madison Elle Penney, Summa Cum Laude
Jack Logan Weiler

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY

Bachelor of Science in Social Science

Rosselyn Lisbeth Foster
Ashley Nichole Lashbrook
Leo John Marino
Mandisa Schley-Youngest
Gunner Smith
Michael Whittle, Magna Cum Laude

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Robert Neal Courson
David Berkley Jones

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Katherine Ann Detweiler
Taylor Brooke Johnson
Rice Anthony Martello
Trey Miller
Maximillian Alexander Moore
Austin Ray Padgett
Malesha Patel
Elizabeth Roark
Morgan Diane Simo, Magna Cum Laude
Colin Mark Werner

Megan Elizabeth Garcia
Blanca Joymar McCall
Jenna Parsons
Carla Gayle Wofford, Summa Cum Laude

** FSU Tallahassee graduate
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

James J Albritton
Steven A Berkowitz
Keith David Caron
Sage Vaillancourt
Mikalangelo David Wessel

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Bugra Akdogan
Rebecca Carroll, Magna Cum Laude
Matthew G Dawson
Amy Jeanette Grayson
Wei Tracy Huang
Sheikh Labeeba Khaled
Vivian Martinez
Mohammed Namadi
Wyatt Michael O'Steen
Joshua Panagos
Dennis Pascul
Wendy Lynn Slattery
Jonathan Daniel Soszka, Cum Laude
Kadin Nicholas Unger, Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Brianna Corie Victoria Alexander, Cum Laude
Kristen Ashley Bane
Sophia Marie Benopoulos, Cum Laude
Joanne Booker
Alexis L Cieslik
Shelli Crook
Samantha N Jones, Magna Cum Laude
Alexis Louise Latta
Tiffani Moneke Rush
Denzell Devon Scott
Latisha Marie Watson

** FSU Tallahassee graduate**
Candidates for Master's Degrees

**COLLEGE OF APPLIED STUDIES**

Master of Science in Law Enforcement Intelligence

James Donald Adams
John William Canada
Rael Candelaria
Deborah Marie Fernandez
Carla N Rietkerk

Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia

Sami Phillippe Al-Aya
Liberty J Beaulieu
Ravina Dinesh Bhakta
Katherine Bieneman
Erika Renee Ceranowski
David Clark
Jeffrey Ennis
Mitchell Scott Fogarty
Amy Gentry
John Guerra
Christina Ceniza Hanna
Andrea N Hatcher
Terrence Madison Helms
Christopher A Lambe
Ashley Shea Lipton
Hannah Marie Loyd
Bryson Alan McKinsey
Morris Daniel McMurray
Christine Minnick
Megan Spearman Moore
Jamie Lynn O'Connell
Brittany Orton
Lana Carol Skipper
Erin Faye Villegas

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

Master of Science in Social Work

Johnathon Kobbe Alleman
Emily Gabrielle Brueckner
Priscilla Renee Carlisle Braggs
Alyssa Lauren Fisher
Jon-Tytus Kinnear
Kimberly McMillian Leath
Megan Elizabeth Luhring
Ashley Nicole Velez

** FSU Tallahassee graduate **
Honors and Distinctions

GARNET KEY
Garnet Key students are recognized for leadership, service, spirit and scholarship.

Kristen Bane
Matthew Lent
Jamie O’Connell
Isabella Taylor Scott
Kaitlyn Weatherly

GARNET AND GOLD SCHOLAR SOCIETY
Garnet and Gold Scholar Society facilitates involvement and recognizes the engaged, well-rounded student who excels within and beyond the classroom in the areas of leadership, internship, service, international and research.

Isabella Scott

MILITARY VETERAN GRADUATES
Our military veteran graduates are presented with red, white and blue honor cords to be worn during the commencement ceremony. These cords show gratitude for their sacrifice and service and expresses our confidence in their future success.

James Donald Adams
Johnathon Kobbe Alleman
Christie Michelle Bennett-Bowden
Keith David Caron
Matthew G Dawson

Amy Forza
Rosselyn Lisbeth Foster
Denzell Devon Scott
Ashley Nicole Velez